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### REMARKS

Although not specifically noted by the Examiner in the Office Action, the Examiner's restriction requirement has apparently been withdrawn, as indicated by the fact that all claims have been examined, which is appreciated by the applicant.

#### Amendments to the Specification

The Examiner has required the entry of headings in the specification, and this is achieved by the entry of headings for "Background of the Art", "Summary of the Invention", "Brief Description of the Drawings" and "Detailed Description of a Preferred Embodiment." In each case, the heading is added by appending it to the end of the appropriate prior paragraph in the text. No new matter is added in achieving this.

#### Claim status

Claims 1-39 are pending at the time of the Examiner's Office Action. Numerous claim amendments suggested by the Examiner have been adopted.

Claim 1 is amended by incorporating the limitations of claims 2-4 and 7-8 therein, effectively making claim 1 an independent version of prior claim 8, which was indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

Claim 11 is amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 12 therein, effectively making claim 11 an independent version of prior claim 12, which was indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

Claims 2-4, 7, 8, 12, 15-18, 20-23, 25-28, 30-33, 36-39 are cancelled as being duplicative, based upon the above claim amendments.

#### Section 102 rejections

Claims 1-7 and 15-23 stand rejected as anticipated by US Patent 3,387,417 to Howlett. Claim 11 is rejected as being dependent upon US Patent 5,938,180 to Walsten. Because of the claim amendments made above to claims 1 and 11, these rejections are believed to be mooted.

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Allowable subject matter

Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has indicated claims 8-10, 12-14 and 24-39 would be allowable if in independent form.

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